

Grant County Emergency Operations Center COVID-19 Response

Public Information Statement

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE GRANT COUNTY, WI COVID-19 UPDATE #13

Grant County Health Department Announces the Second Death of a Resident Testing Positive for COVID-19 in Grant County

Grant County, WI- The Grant County Health Department reported a second death of a resident who tested positive for COVID-19. The person was over 80 years of age.

"We are sad to report the death of a second individual who tested positive for COVID 19, and our thoughts are with the family and friends of this person", said Jeff Kindrai, Director/Health Officer of the Department.

The second death is announced shortly after the State signaled the need to maintain Safer at Home and extend social distancing efforts through May 26^{th,} 2020. In addition to the death, another Grant County resident, in their 50's, also tested positive. This individual has not been hospitalized and is self-isolating at home. The total number of confirmed cases identified in Grant County is 15 as of April 17, 2020. The Grant County Health Department is providing daily updates on confirmed COVID-19 cases using social media outlets.

It is important to continue to follow guidance to stay healthy. This includes limiting travel and limiting contact with others as the number of cases in the State and Grant County continue to rise.

This is a rapidly changing situation, and we encourage the public to frequently monitor the DHS website for updates, and to follow @DHSWI on Facebook and Twitter, dhs.wi on Instagram, and the Grant County Health Department at www.co.grant.wi.gov Additional information can be found on the CDC website.

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